

FERAL CAT POLICY

THE BOARD OF HEALTH HAS IMPLEMENTED A POLICY REGARDING FERAL CAT FEEDING.

PROVIDING A FOOD SOURCE FOR WILD ANIMALS CAN HAVE A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON WILDLIFE, DOMESTIC ANIMALS AND RAISES HUMAN HEALTH CONCERNS

- REMOVING THE FOOD SOURCE WILL DISCOURAGE WILDLIFE FROM FREQUENTING YOUR PROPERTY.
- TAKE IN BIRD FEEDERS AS WELL AS DOG AND CAT FOOD DISHES AT NIGHT.
- BE SURE TRASH RECEPTICLES HAVE SECURED TOPS OR PLACE THEM IN A SHED OR GARAGE.

FERAL CATS ARE CATS THAT WERE BORN IN THE WILD AND HAVE NOT HAD HUMAN CONTACT.

TO AID WITH THE OVERPOPULATION OF FERAL CATS THE TOWN PARTICIPATES IN A TRAP/NEUTER/RETURN (TNR) PROGRAM WHERE FERAL CATS ARE TRAPPED, SPAYED/NEUTERED AND RETURNED TO THEIR TRAPPING LOCATIONS. (FUNDING IS SOMETIMES AVAILABLE FOR THIS SERVICE) CATS IN THE TNR PROGRAM GET VACCINATED FOR RABIES AND ARE EARTIPPED; SOME ARE ALSO MICROCHIPPED FOR FURTHER IDENTIFICATION PURPOSES. KITTENS TRAPPED IN FERAL COLONIES THAT CAN BE SOCIALIZED ARE TRANSFERRED TO AN ADOPTION AGENCY.

IF YOU ARE FEEDING FERAL CATS YOU ASSUME OWNERSHIP AND WILL BE FINANCIALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY SICKNESS OR INJURY.